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THE RECORD-HERALD DISCUSSION.

Ought Baptists to Affiliate with Ministers of Pedobaptist Churches by an Exchange of Pulpits?

(REVIEW—NO. 3.)

We think it proper to notice the Herald's fifth article in a separate piece, inasmuch as it was independent of what we had written, and intended to directly support affiliation.

As to the "pulpit" we care nothing any further than it is the recognized "sphere" of the gospel ministry," as Dr. Jeter would put it. We are opposed to inviting unaffiliated teachers of heresy to preach to our churchسائل of the pulpit or in

We have already so fully answered the Herald's questions as to the right of Pedobaptists to give religious instruction that a few words less will suffice. We have conceded the right of all men to teach religion if they may know it, but we deny that all men ought to be recognized or encouraged as fit persons to publicly teach religion by the authority of the churches of Christ. There is no law forbidding Pedobaptists to teach, says the Herald. There is a law forbidding them assuming the character which they maintain and doing as they do, unless they are right and we wrong. There is a law forbidding one having them to be our public teachers. The law which prescribes that public teachers or preachers shall be "scripted members of the church and sound in the faith," binds us to require that those whom we endorse shall measure up to the standard. The mention of one thing excludes all others.

Passing on to the fourth paragraph of the Herald's article, we come to the consideration of that passage of Scripture in which it is thought Jesus has given us indirect, but quite plain instructions to guide us in our dealings with Pedobaptist ministers." Read Mark 9:38-40. As the twelve were journeying they came upon a man casting out devils in the name of Jesus. At once the disciples commanded him to fall in and go with them. He declined, and they forbade him to cast out any more devils, etc. This is good Scripture, but we did not expect to see it in this connection. Note that we have not seen it mentioned in to do service for affiliation before, but because we supposed the Editors of the Herald would see that it would not help their cause. We will examine the passage briefly and see if it throws light on this question. We remark upon the passage as follows:

It does not appear that the ex-sis should have followed the disciples. More likely he was where he should have been and was doing his full duty. He was not "irregular," or it does not appear that he was. The disciples had no authority to require him to follow them. But Pedobaptists are "irregular" and we do not complain that they do not follow us; but that they teach bad doctrine and do not follow Christ. Does the Herald see no difference?

And again, the ex-sis was apparently exactly suited to the work in hand. Will the Herald say that Pedobaptist ministers are gospely qualified for the work they assume to do? That is just what is denied by all Baptists, and what must be denied eternally.

Once more, the disciples "forbade the ex-sis." Why did not forbade the Pedobaptists? Mark that? Who ever knew a Baptist to do such a thing? The disciples ought to have gone about their own business and left this man to do his thought right; and that is exactly what anti-affiliationists propose to do with Pedobaptists. Let them do as they think right, but we decline to quit the road to go with them and we decline to take any responsibility in the matter. The responsibility of their conduct is on them, where it ought to be, and we will not share it with them. Nor will we incur the responsibility of encouraging those who walk disorderly—in according to the teachings of the apostles.

Whether affiliation is Scriptural, consistent, and whether the natural tendency is to blunt the force of our protest against error, and sink our distinctive principles, we are willing for the reader to judge from what has been written. We will say nothing further on these points here.

"Extreme Baptists," says Dr. Jeter, "so far as our observation has extended, have damaged, rather than helped their cause." Why are extreme Baptists, an open question which would be answered variously. The open communists would call them communists; extreme; affiliationists call anti-affiliationists extreme, and we have seen some Baptists whom we regard as extreme. So it goes. To advocate the truth, the

whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the spirit of Christ, is, in our judgment, the best thing for Baptists to do.

THE APPEAL FOR UNITY.

The Herald makes a kind and brotherly appeal for unity among Baptists. We second the appeal with all our heart, but it appears to us that our brethren have not seen the right way to bring it about.

Our brethren say the non-exchange of pulpits is of recent origin among Baptists. How recent? we inquire. We have not thought it necessary to go into the question of the time of affiliation. It is confessedly post-apostolic and of modern origin. A half century or three that is a short time for a practice to gather sanctity. Baptists are not generally wont to appeal easily to the fathers. We are able to show that non-affiliation prevailed before affiliation came in, even after the rise of Protestant sects. Will the Herald deny this? If it does, though it is not strictly germane to this question, we will make good the affirmation.

But non-affiliationists are said to be a feeble folk comparatively. Well, we have never thought these questions ought to be decided by majorities. The Herald represents us as admitting that not more than half of the Baptists of the Southwest hold our views. We are misunderstood.

We wish to express, in conclusion, our appreciation of the Christian spirit manifested by the Editors of the Herald throughout this discussion, and also of the courtesy shown to us on all occasions. May God bless them and the Herald, and make them and it still more useful in the diffusion of the truths and spirit of His holy religion.

R. G. Hewlett at Home.

We had the pleasure of spending some time recently with this brother at his home in the country. He has a good home in a good neighborhood. When we saw the grapevines, the nice orchards of all manner of fruit, the stock and the lots of grass, the old country feeling came back on us, and we almost wondered why we ever ceased to be a country pastor. Bro. Hewlett has a pleasant home which he is constantly improving. On his table lay the Baptist, the Herald, the Beacon, the Repository and other publications, and on his book shelves are many valuable works both old and new. The children (and like other Baptist preachers he has a goodly lot) show the effect of the intellectual atmosphere in which they live. What a mistake some people make in providing nothing for their families to read.

Bro. Hewlett is a successor of Peter—at least in the line of fishing. Round about are nets, poles, lines, etc. Then he has a beautiful fish pond teeming with fish. He is going to enlarge his pond and build a mill. Having inherited a large landed estate, brother Hewlett says he feels that it is his duty to improve it and use it for the glory of God. He is right. Piety does not consist in being indolent and thriftless. We should earnestly strive to be good; but we must avoid being good for nothing. "Make all the money you can honestly, save all the money you can, and give all the money you can," was Wesley's rule, and it was a good one. We commend it to our readers. We can see why country pastors should not be among the happiest of preachers. Country homes have a great charm for us, for one never quite outgrows his raising.

With all his orchards, fish ponds, etc., Bro. Hewlett is an active preacher devoted to his work.

Meeting of the STATE MISSION Board.

This Board held a meeting in Oxford on the 9th inst. There was a good attendance of the members and several visiting brethren were present. A fine spirit prevailed. After investigating the financial condition of the Board, plans for the future were freely discussed. Notwithstanding the dry summer months the debt of the Board has been reduced several hundred dollars. The future is bright with promise. It is expected that the work will be enlarged the first of the coming year. Several important places are earnestly pleading the cause of the Board.

A sister took the Beacon for six months. Her husband, who was an unbeliever, began to read it, became interested about the salvation of his soul, and a few days ago, was baptized. He stated in his relation to the Church that the Beacon was the instrument of his conversion. Such news as this encourages us in our work.

Fire in Edwards on the 11th inst. The Depot and about ten business houses, including several saloons were burned. Loss estimated at about \$137,800, with about \$23,700 insurance. Contracts are rapidly being made for the erection of new buildings on the sites of those destroyed, and Edwards will soon be herself again.

The report having reached Upland Pa., that Bro. Gambrell's articles had been submitted to J. M. P. for revision before they appeared in the Herald, we are authorized to say that Dr. P. has never read a line of

baptists from preaching by authority of their various denominations. They could do just as well and we better. There would be less friction between us and them, and this would promote peace. It would not be necessary for us to be rough or discourteous. We could decline affiliation in the same spirit which prompts us to decline to commune with them or to receive their ordinances. Nor would our social relations be in the least affected, unless they would have it so, in which case they, and not we, would be to blame.

All these considerations will not move our brethren to abandon a practice which they agree is not a matter of conscience; if they think it more important—"expedient"—to promote Pedobaptists than to promote harmony among the brotherhood of our Southern Baptist Convention, we confess that we can say no more.

We believe they will do what they think best, and whatever be their conclusion, we will work on with them to promote the advancement of those great enterprises for which our Southern brethren are laboring. May God help us all to see and do what is right in this matter, and may He make this discussion to be for the peace of His holy name.

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To Our Friends.

We wish our friends to work for the Record if they feel that they will accomplish good by so doing. We give the paper for one year to the get-up of a club of ten. Ministers can work on the above plan or, if they prefer, we will give them the paper for five subscribers, if they will secure all they can above this number without charge. In sending your lists please state distinctly what you propose to work. We wish every minister in Mississippi and Louisiana to read the paper, and propose to send it to all who will work for it to the amount of five subscribers. Understand the proposition to ministers: We will send you the paper for five names and cash for one year, if you will promise to send all the subscriptions you can obtain without further compensation; or, we will send you an extra copy for every ten names for one year. This last proposition is made to all whether ministers or not. We propose to do our best for you. Will you help us?

THIS AND THAT.

Preach the very best you can the first time, and, improve on each succeeding effort.

The Religious Herald bid its "dead heads" farewell, but we saw no evidence of affection.

Eld. J. H. Oswald baptized a Methodist class leader into Tippo Church Monday a week ago.

A brother, after reading the Herald's second article, said Bro. Gambrell will have to come again.

A large number of the Methodists of Yazoo county are "going crazy"—that is, they are joining the Baptist Church.

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According to the Brandon Republican, some twenty-five or thirty students have left the University at Oxford because they could not find suitable accommodations there. While the number in the College here is fully up to that of last year, we are pleased to know that there is room for a few more, and that good accommodations can be had at less than the advertised rates. We have never seen a nobler class of young men than those who have matriculated this year. We feel assured that parents cannot find a better place for their sons to go to school in, and those who desire rooms in it should engage them at a reasonable price.

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FINANCIAL PROMISE—AD.

1877.

We whose names are hereunto attached, as Baptist pastors or ministers, will endeavor to present publicly, and take up discussions for the following special objects, wherever church or place where we preach, as nearly as possible at the times here specified, and to forward immediately all funds collected to the proper officer for each object:

S. M. M. of Education, in October; Prof. W. S. Webb, Clinton, Miss.

New M. S. in December.

J. A. T. Jackson, Scranton, Vicksburg, Miss.

H. H. Moore, See Marion, Ala.

Prof. W. H. McRae, in April.

Ed. H. A. T. Jackson, Richmond, Va.

Associational Meetings.

The General Association will con-

vene with the church at Sylvan, Shelby County, Saturday before the third Sunday in October.

Hannibal Association will meet with the New Hope Church, seven miles southwest of Carthage, DeKalb county, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October.

The Chickasaw Bay Association will meet at Enterprise on Saturday before the first Lord's day in November.

Chester Association will hold its next Annual meeting with Liberty church in Kemper County. It will commence the 3rd Sabbath in October.

Pale River Association meets with Fair River Church, twelve miles east of Brookhaven, Saturday before the third Sunday in October.

The Chester Association meets with Liberty Church, twelve miles southwest of De Kalb, Kemper county, on Saturday before the third Lord's day in October.

Cold Water Association, meets with Tyro Church, Tate county, fifteen miles east of Senatobia, on Friday before the third Sunday in October.

Will some one please send us the time and place of the meetings of each Association in Mississippi and Louisiana?

The Fall Orations.

Editor Record:

Last Friday night the citizens of Clinton and the surrounding country had quite a treat in the way of speeches and music.

In response to a previous invitation, quite a number of our citizens assembled at an early hour, in the "Lower Chapel" to enjoy a literary repast to be given by the two Literary Societies of the College in what they term their "Fall Orations."

After a few moments of anxious waiting, we were very pleasantly received by watching the two societies as they marched into the room in perfect order wearing their very significant badges of *teal blue* and *pure white*.

When all was quiet, the Herald, Mr. P. H. Eagar, made a few very appropriate remarks, and then called for music by our "Clinton Brass Band." This being over, the Herald introduced to the audience Mr. Joel Baskins of the Philanthropic Society, who gave to us, some very excellent thoughts on "Life and its Mission." He first impressed the *readiness* of life, and then gave *usefulness* as the mission of life; and urged upon his hearers the importance of improving the fleeting moments.

After another very thrilling piece of music by the band, Mr. B. D. Gray was introduced representing the Heronian Society. He first gave us one or two very appropriate anecdotes by way of an apology for not being better prepared for the occa-

sion, as he was only the alternate, and did not know that he would have to speak until two weeks previous.

He then entered upon his subject—"O! Tempora, O! Mores"—in a masterly way showing that the "times and manners" of our people are not what they ought to be, either intellectually or socially.

He spoke of the partial courses in our colleges and universities as prejudicial to the interests of higher education. He objected also to the forwardness of the times, and mentioned, as illustrations, the disreputable way in which children speak of their parents—show how soon children get grown (?) now-a-days—boys think they are men at fifteen and girls are on "the carpet" at twelve. He condemned very strenuously many of the vices of the present day, and warned the young ladies against tipplers, and told them of the influence they might exert against intertempore if they would drown it up in all its forms.

President Webb made a few remarks at the close endorsing Mr. Gray's strictures, especially with reference to the evil tendency of the "partial courses of study," but said that public sentiment demanded these courses; and that the only way to correct this evil would be for the young men to demand and pursue the full course.

The two societies did themselves credit on that occasion as on previous occasions.

I cannot dismiss the subject without complimenting our young "Brass Band" for the very excellent music they discoursed to us so freely on that occasion.

SPECTATOR.

Ministerial Education.

Twenty-two young ministers have already entered the college and others are expected in a few days. The future of our churches rests largely in the hands of our future ministry, and the character of our future ministry depends largely upon the action of any of our churches of today. The character of our Hard-shell Baptists' churches is just what their preachers have made it. What shall our future be? It will depend very much upon the instrumentality we use upon the ministry we employ. God calls men to preach, but their usefulness as preachers depends greatly upon many circumstances which the Providence of God has placed under the control of his people. One of these Halls is under the supervision of Rev. J. A. Snyder, whose watchful eye is ever on the erring boy; the other is under the management of Rev. J. A. Scarborough. I am authentically informed that the expense of board at these Halls last year cost upon an average ten dollars per month.

The only objection urged by us against this institution of learning is that it is located in a poor village. That really is its first recommendation. Clinton is located thirty-five miles from Vicksburg and ten miles from Jackson, on the Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad, in a broken and elevated region, and in every way free from any local cause of disease.

Central Female Institute has been under the control of its present President, Rev. Walter Blandford, for twenty five years, and to day it is the peer of any Institute in the State, well complete and thoroughly equipped for its high mission. I am informed that a large number of young Halls was in attendance at the opening session, and if they continue to come in as they have in the past session, the number will swell to double its present proportion.

The reasons these institutions of learning have gained such prominence are undoubtably these—they are located in the quiet country far from all the affluences of accumulated vice, where good health, clean and pure water, singing birds, and lily-lots take prominence and where the whole time of students is given to study and meditation, and where teachers have nothing to do but to attend to their respective duties.

The course of study as published in their catalogues was evidently arranged by skillful hands, and the selection of teachers was made upon professional merit and a higher order of cultivation.

Education is a cause of humanity and a cause worthy of the noblest aspirations of men. In a proper view it stands, or should stand, an object of general solicitude. There can be no subject of more interest to the patriot than the education of the young men and women of the State, and no theme upon which the mere politician should grow more flippant than that of the popular instruction of the rising generation. I have endeavored to present, in a plain manner, the character of our Colleges and it only remains for me to commit to the consideration of those who have sons and daughters to educate, its present proportion.

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